

UNDER PRESENT RULE FM TRANSLATORS OWNERS ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATION TO LICENSED FACILITIES THREE CHANNELS ABOVE OR BELOW THEIR LICENSED CHANNEL. IN MANY CASES THERE ARE NO CHANNELS AVAILABLE IN THIS NARROW WINDOW. AND BECAUSE THE LICENSEE HAS BEEN DISPLACED BY A FULL POWER STATION THE LICENSE IS LOST. IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS IT SEEMS THAT FM STATION LICENSEES SHOULD BE ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RELOCATE THEIR LICENSED FACILITY TO AN AVAILABLE CHANNEL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE FM BAND--CALL IT A DISPLACEMENT APPLICATION AND ALLOW IT TO BE FILED AS A MINOR MODIFICATION TO LICENSED FACILITY.

FM TRANSLATORS PROVIDE A VALUED SERVICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WINDOW FILING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ARE RARE. IT SEEMS TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC TO ALLOW LICENSED FM TRANSLATORS THAT HAVE BEEN DISPLACED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MODIFY THEIR LICENSE TO AN UNUSED CHANNEL.